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MULTI-ATTRIBUTE BIDS IN A NETWORK ENVIRONMENT

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SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

Sir:

Submitted herewith are eight (8) sheets of formal drawings comprising figures 1-8 for the above-identified patent application. Please substitute the formal drawings for the drawings which were filed with the application.

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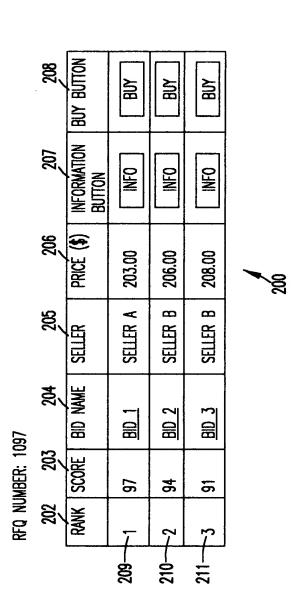
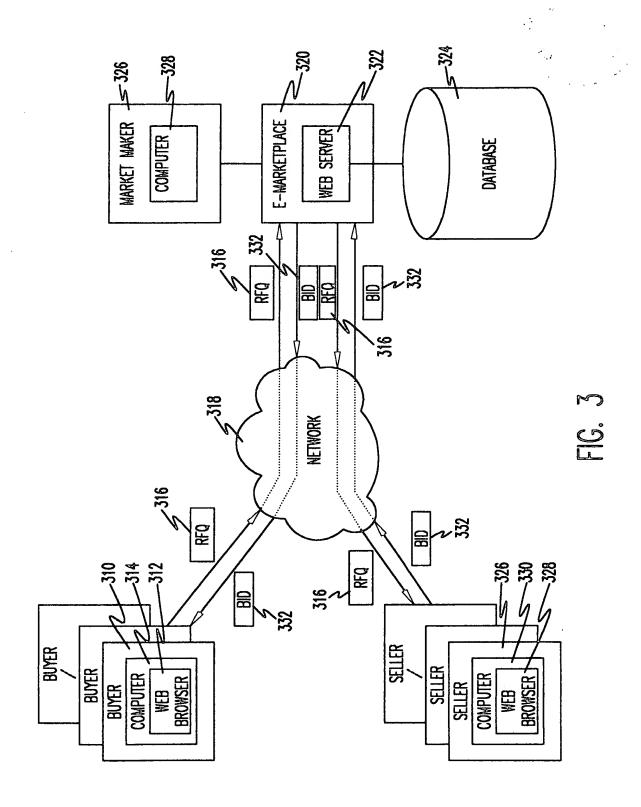


FIG. 2 PRIOR ART



A BUYER SUBMITS AN RFQ WITH A SET OF ATTRIBUTE PREFERENCE TO AN E-MARKETPLACE. THE ATTRIBUTE PREFERENCE SET MAY INCLUDE ONE OR MORE BUSINESS RULES THAT CAN BE USED TO CREATE FILTERS IN THE VISUAL INTERFACE LATER IN THE BID EVALUATION STEP.	\$ \
V THE SUBMITTED RFQ IS POSTED ON THE E-MARKETPLACE FOR A TIME PERIOD SPECIFIED BY THE BUYER.	410
ONE OR MORE SELLERS SUBMIT ONE OR MORE BIDS FOR THE RFQ IN THE E-MARKETPLACE.	7
THE E-MARKETPLACE RECEIVES AND RECORD THE BIDS FROM SELLERS.	420
THE E-MARKETPLACE MAY ARRANGE, SORT, OR FILTER THE RECEIVED BIDS TO HELP THE BUYER EXAMINE/EVALUATE THE BIDS.	425
THE E-MARKETPLACE PRESENTS A LIST OF COLLECTED/FILTERED BIDS FOR THE RFQ WITH A VISUAL INTERFACE.	430
THE BUYER EXAMINES/EVALUATES BIDS IN THE LIST IN THE VISUAL INTERFACE. THE BUYER CAN INTERACTIVELY FILTERS ONE OR MORE BIDS IN THE VISUAL INTERFACE BY USING ONE OR MORE FILTERS PREPARED BY THE BUSINESS RULES PROVIDED BY THE BUYER.	\$\$
ϕ optionally, the buyer can request more information to one or more sellers and the sellers may respond to the request.	
THE BUYER SELECTS ONE OR MORE BIDS FROM THE LIST.	Z\$ 4
THE BUYER PURCHASE PRODUCTS FROM THE SELECTED BIDS.	
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